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Patent  
Attorney's Docket No. 032001-060

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Peter Shing Fai LAM	)	Group Art Unit: unknown
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Application No.: 09/989,529	)	Examiner: to be assigned
	)	
Filed: November 21, 2001	)	
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For: MODIFICATION TO RECONFIGURABLE	)	
FUNCTIONAL UNIT IN A RECONFIGUR-	)	
ABLE CHIP TO PERFORM LINEAR	)	
FEEDBACK SHIFT REGISTER FUNCTION	)	

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) WHEN INVENTORS  
REFUSE TO SIGN OR CANNOT BE LOCATED**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Petition is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) and M.P.E.P. § 409.03 in order to have this application accepted as complete and proceed to examination notwithstanding lack of signed Declaration from the inventor.

Specifically, the Petitioner notes that the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application was mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 3, 2001. A Response to that Notice is submitted concurrently. This Petition is submitted to have the application accepted since, after diligent effort, the inventor failed to return or refused to execute the required Declaration or Oath.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 409.03(b), this Petition is accompanied by the Oath of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) applicant.

#### Facts

Attorneys for Petitioner have previously attempted to have inventor Peter Shing Fai Lam sign the Declaration. On June 29, 2001, we sent a letter to Peter Shing Fai Lam. A copy of the application, and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney were sent to Peter Shing Fai Lam with a letter dated June 29, 2001, as well as an Assignment document, at his last-known address of 3655 Pruneridge Avenue, #237, Santa Clara, CA 95051. The letter requested that the inventor execute the Declaration and Assignment documents and return them to us for filing with the application. A copy of this letter and its enclosures is attached as Exhibit A.

#### Last Known Addresses

The last known address of Peter Shing Fai Lam is 3655 Pruneridge Avenue, #237, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

#### Proof of Proprietary Interest

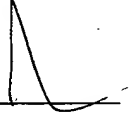
Enclosed as Exhibit B is a copy of the invention assignment agreement of Peter Shing Fai Lam wherein the inventor agrees to assign to employers all inventions made during employment. Also enclosed is an Affidavit of Timothy O. Unger, stating that the invention described and filed under Attorney Docket No. 032001-060 was made by the employee, Peter Shing Fai Lam, while employed by the 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) applicant.

Requested Relief

Petitioners respectfully request that the subject application be accepted under 37 CFR § 1.47(d) without the executed Declaration or Oath of the inventor Peter Shing Fai Lam. Petitioners submit that they have complied with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.47 and MPEP § 409.03 and request that the application proceed to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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